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SUBJECT: APRIL 28, 1978 MEETING OF COUNCIL OPERATION
AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE (COEC)

REFS:

- A. USNATO 3228, (DTG 291849Z MAR 78);
- B. STATE 82618, (DTG 310116Z MAR 78);
- C. USNATO 3588, (DTG 072118Z APR 78);
- D. USNATO 3770, (DTG 131522Z APR 78).

1. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE REVISED WINTEX/CIMEX-79
EXERCISE SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN SHAPE DOCUMENT
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SUPPLEMENTED BY AC/237-WP/124 (REV.).

2. UPON CLOSER EXAMINATION OF IDEA (REF A, PARA 2
AND REF D, PARA 2) THAT WINTEX/CIMEX-79 AND HILEX-9
BE POSTPONED FROM DATES IN MARCH TO JUNE, WE
HAVE CONCLUDED, RELUCTANTLY, THAT WINTEX-CIMEX-79
SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE SCHEDULED IN MARCH. PREPARATIONS

ON EXERCISES ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 79 UNFORTUNATELY HAVE PROGRESSED BEYOND THE POINT WHERE THEY COULD BE RESCHEDULED WITHOUT MAJOR DISLOCATION. AT THE SAME TIME, WE REAFFIRM OUR BELIEF THAT JUNE IS THE DECIDEDLY PREFERABLE TIME FOR HILEX AND WINTEX SERIES, AND WE THINK HILEX-9 AND WINTEX-81 SHOULD BE PLANNED FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE. WE REGRET ANY INCONVENIENCE THIS SWITCH IN POSITIONS MAY CAUSE MISSION WITHIN COEC.

3. AS REGARDS PROPOSALS IN REF C, PARA 3, WE AGREE WITH THE MISSION THAT WE SHOULD COME DOWN IN SUPPORT OF OPTION 3 -- UNLESS SHAPE STRONGLY OPPOSES IT, IN WHICH CASE THE MISSION SHOULD GIVE PREFERENCE TO OPTION 1.

4. REVIEW OF SUBJECT UNDER COEC AGENDA ITEM III (REF C, PARA 8) CONTINUES.

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